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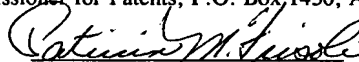
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of J. Huston, P. Wils, Q. Zhu, O. Laurent,  
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a)

Sir:

It is requested hereby that the term to respond to the Action, dated April 5, 2005, be extended three months, from July 5, 2005 to October 5, 2005.

A Credit Card Payment Form authorizing the Commissioner to charge the amount of the fee for this Petition is attached hereto. The Commissioner is

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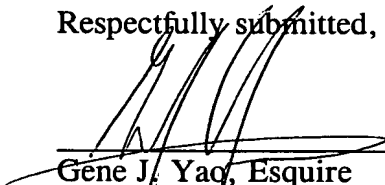
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Respectfully submitted,

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